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1. [redacted] the piers of autobahn bridge F II near Frankfurt/Oder have been provided with demolition chambers. The bridge consists of seven spans and eight piers which are consecutively numbered from 0 to 7. Piers No 3 to 5 are provided with two demolition chambers each. Shipping is directed through the span between piers No 4 and 5 which has a length of about 80 meters. The demolition chambers are below water level.

2. On 10 September 1953, [redacted] concreting work was being done on the Goeldendorf construction section on the autobahn near Frankfurt/Oder. The planking on the autobahn bridge over Buschmuehlen Weg was being removed. Work on the embankment of the autobahn was nearing completion. The road overpass over the autobahn on the Mualloser Landstrasse stretch was open to traffic.

3. Prior to 21 September, [redacted] negotiations for the construction of a road bridge over the Elbe River near Riesa were under way between the Ministry of Railroads and the State Secretariat for Motor Traffic and Roads. At present, there exists a bridge over the Elbe River in Riesa which is used for both rail and road traffic.

4. On 1 October, work is to be started on the clearing up of the debris of the destroyed road bridge near Gartz. This work is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of next winter.

5. Prior to 26 September, [redacted] within the framework of the road construction program, the piers of the old bridges over the Hohensaaten-Friedrichthal waterway and the Oder River between Schwedt and Niederkraenig were being demolished. About 70 percent of the work required near Schwedt was completed. On the Polish side, the destroyed river piers were dismantled manually. Since the piers are rather large, [redacted] this work would be completed before the beginning of high water. The bridges themselves are scheduled to be completed in 1954.

6. Prior to 15 September, [redacted] the bridge over the Neisse River at the southern exit of Muskau was being reconstructed. The concrete piers of the structure were completed. Construction work was exclusively done by Poles. On the German side of the river, the construction site was surrounded by a barbed-

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-wire fence.⁵

7. On 20 August, [redacted] work on the reconstruction on the Oder River bridge near Mescherin (Greifenhagen) had not yet started.⁴

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- 1: [redacted] Comment. The combined road and railroad bridge over the Elbe River is located immediately east of Riesa.

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- 2: [redacted] Comment. Gartz is on the western bank of the Oder River about 25 km south of Stettin. The information probably refers to the bridge near Greifenhagen [redacted]

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- 3: [redacted] Comment. [redacted] . Construction work is supervised by the Poles. The bridge is scheduled to be completed in 1954.

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- 4: [redacted] Comment. The bridge near Mescherin is scheduled to be reconstructed by the Poles in 1953/1954. [redacted]

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